

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 4, and add claims 10 and 11 as set forth below.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gaming machine comprising:

variable display means for variably displaying designs in a plurality of rows; and
front display means disposed in front of the variable display means, ~~wherein the front display means includes said front display means including a transparent liquid crystal display panel for displaying images other than said designs through which said variable display means is able to be seen having transparent areas that ensure the visibility of the variable display means, wherein said liquid crystal display panel displays images other than said designs in a display area other than said transparent areas, and a light guiding plate for guiding that guides light emitted from a light source to the entire across a surface of said liquid crystal display panel; and in~~ wherein the light guiding plate includes transparent areas for ensuring that ensure the visibility of the variable display of said variable display means are individually formed corresponding to said plurality of rows.

2. (ORIGINAL) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said variable display means is comprised of one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gaming machine comprising:

~~a variable display device for that variably displaying displays designs in a plurality of rows; and~~

~~a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device, wherein the said front display device includes a transparent liquid crystal display panel having at least a first transparent area that ensures the visibility of the variable display device, wherein said liquid crystal display panel displays images other than said designs in a display area other than said first transparent area, for displaying images other than said designs through which said variable display device is able to be seen; and at least one light source for emitting light to said~~

transparent liquid crystal display panel; panel, and a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from said light source ~~to the~~~~across a surface~~ entire of said liquid crystal display panel; and ~~in~~wherein the light guiding plate, ~~plate has at least one or more~~ second transparent areas for ensuring area that ensures the visibility of the variable display of said variable display device are formed corresponding to said first transparent area.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is comprised of one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said variable display device is comprised of one or more reels which said designs are drawn; and said one or more transparent areas are formed corresponding to said each reel.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein said one or more transparent areas are formed by openings.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising:

a transparent antistatic sheet disposed on the rear side of said light guiding plate.

10. (NEW) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising: a reflection plate disposed between said variable display device and said light guiding plate, for reflecting a light emitted from said light source on said light guiding plate, to said liquid crystal display panel; wherein the reflection plate has at least one third transparent area which ensure the visibility of the variable display of said variable display device, corresponding to said first transparent area and second transparent area.

11. (NEW) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising: at least one other light source disposed at a side of said reflection plate that opposes the variable display device.